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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF LICENSE APPLICATION FOR COLE-LITTON

REF: STATE 11645

1. WE ARE INFORMING CANADIAN AMBASSADOR CADIEUX THIS AFTERNOON THAT A LICENSE WILL BE ISSUED TO LITTON TO PERMIT ITS COLE DIVISION IN CANADA TO CARRY OUT AN ORDER FOR OFFICE FURNITURE TO CUBA.

2. THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS WILL BE THE BASIS FOR OUR CONVERSATION WITH THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR:

(A) THE USG WILL GRANT THE LICENSE APPLICATION OF LITTON INDUSTRIES TO PERMIT ITS COLE DIVISION IN CANADA TO ACCEPT THE PENDING CUBAN ORDER FOR OFFICE FURNITURE.

(B) LITTON WILL BE INFORMED AND THE LICENSE WILL BE ISSUED DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10.

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(C) AS THE SECRETARY SAID AT THE PRESS CLUB ON MONDAY, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF ASPECTS OF OUR RELATIONS WITH CUBA UNDER

REVIEW. (WE SHOULD GO NO FURTHER THAN THIS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE "REVIEW" OR WITH RESPECT TO SUBSIDIARY TRADE AS A POLICY QUESTION).

(D) IN THE MEANWHILE, WE ARE NOT ANXIOUS TO INSPIRE PUBLIC SPECULATION ABOUT THAT REVIEW, OR TO CREATE FALSE ISSUES OR MISUNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE CONTINUED COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA IN THIS RESPECT.

(E) WE PLAN NO PUBLIC STATEMENT, BUT THE DEPARTMENT WILL RESPOND TO PRESS AND OTHER INQUIRIES ALONG THE LINES INDICATED.

3. CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE WILL FOLLOW IN SEPARATE TELEGRAM. KISSINGER

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